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Transport of Pigs  
by Rail and Road — Code of Practice  
( Second Revision )

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## FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Second Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Animal Husbandry, Feeds and Equipment Sectional Committee had been approved by the Food and Agriculture Division Council.

India possesses one of the largest livestock wealth in the world and in this, pig finds an important place with a great potential to ensure nutritional and economic security for the weaker sections of the society. With the increased demand of protein and food of animal origin in the country, piggery has been taken up on large scale and necessitated the transport of large number of pigs to various places both by rail and road.

This standard was first published in 1969 and subsequently revised in 1982. This revision is undertaken to harmonize the standard with the Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001 and Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2009 under *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960*. In this revision, the following major changes have been incorporated:

- a) Definitions of weaner, young and adult pig has been modified to include body weight range in accordance with the definitions available in Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2009;
- b) Space requirements for transportation of Pigs by train has been revised and Space requirements for transportation of Pigs by road have been included ; and
- c) Requirements regarding driving the pigs during loading or unloading have been elaborated.

While formulating this standard, necessary consideration has been given to the relevant rules prescribed by the Government of India under the *Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960*, Rules framed thereunder and Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989. This standard is however, subject to the restriction imposed under these Rules, wherever applicable.

The composition of the Committee responsible for formulation of the standard is given in Annex B.

For the purpose of deciding whether a particular requirement of this standard is complied with the final value, observed or calculated, expressing the result of a test or analysis shall be rounded off in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 ‘Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)’. The number of significant places retained in the rounded off value should be the same as that of the specified value in this standard.

*Indian Standard*

# TRANSPORT OF PIGS BY RAIL AND ROAD — CODE OF PRACTICE

*(Second Revision)*

## **1 SCOPE**

This code covers the minimum requisites for the transport of pigs by rail and road.

## **2 TERMINOLOGY**

For the purpose of this code, the following definitions shall apply:

**2.1 Animal** — Pigs of all breeds, ages and sex.

**2.2 Piglet** — Male or female pig under 2 months of age.

**2.3 Weaner** — Piglet which has just been separated from the mother for the purpose of independent rearing and commonly in the weight range of 12 kg to 15 kg.

**2.4 Young Pig** — Male or female pig between 3 to 6 months of age and commonly in the weight range of 15 kg to 50 kg.

**2.5 Adult** — A male or female pig above 6 months of age and having weight of more than 50 kg.

**2.6 Boar** — An adult uncastrated male pig.

**2.7 Sow** A female pig that has farrowed at least once.

**2.8 Gilt** — A female pig (more than 2 months of age) that has not yet farrowed.

**2.9 Litter** — A group of piglets born to a sow in a single furrowing.

## **3 GENERAL CONDITIONS**

**3.1** Only healthy animals in good condition shall be transported unless otherwise required as per the provisions of '*The Prevention and Control of Infectious and Contagious Diseases in Animals Act, 2009*'. These animals should be certified by a qualified veterinarian for freedom from infectious diseases and ecto-parasitic diseases and their fitness to undertake the journey. The certificate shall be in a form specified in Annex A of this standard which is as per Schedule K of Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001.

**3.2** When pigs are to be transported from endemic areas of a disease to non-endemic areas, the pigs should be given protective vaccination and kept in quarantine for 30 days, before transportation.

**3.3** Sows in advance stages of pregnancy (above 60 days of pregnancy) shall not be transported.

**3.4** When transporting boars special arrangements by providing suitable partitions should be made to protect the animals from infighting. Similar arrangements should also be made to protect the young ones from crushing when sows with litter are transported.

**3.5** To avoid exhaustion, the animals shall be given humane treatment and care during transportation. The pigs shall not be bound or chained during transit and space provided for them shall be large enough to stand or lie. Please refer Table 1 and Table 2 for space requirements for pigs in railway wagon and road vehicle respectively.

**3.6** An attendant along with first aid equipment shall accompany the animals in transit.

**3.7** Before loading, the animals should not be fed heavily. Only light feed may be allowed. For journeys less than 12 h no feed may be carried but for longer journeys sufficient feed shall be carried to last during the journey. Watering facilities shall be provided at regular intervals. During transport, it must be ensured that the pigs have constant access to water.

**3.8** Light and heavy animals shall be separated by providing partitions. Animals from different pens/sheds shall preferably not be mixed during transportation. Male stock shall not be transported with female stock (adults) as males try to mount on females in heat.

**3.9** All vehicles should be inspected for safety, suitability and cleanliness before loading the animals. The floor and walls should be undamaged and there should be no nails or sharp projections which may injure the animals.

**3.10** The vehicles should be thoroughly cleaned, sprayed with suitable disinfectant before loading the animals.

**3.11** A layer of clean sand to cover the floor of transport vehicles to a thickness of not less than 6 cm shall be

provided. This layer of sand shall be moistened with water during the summer month. During these months arrangements shall be made to sprinkle water on the animals at frequent intervals. In winter, a 2 cm layer of clean sand with another 6cm layer of whole-straw shall be provided.

**3.12** Pigs when driven for loading-or unloading shall never be struck with stick. Driving could best be done by soft rubber pipe. During loading and unloading, pigs must never be handled in ways or using tools that cause pain or suffering. In particular, it is prohibited to:

- a) hit or kick animals;
- b) put pressure on particularly sensitive body parts causing unnecessary pain or suffering;
- c) lift animals up with mechanical means tied to their bodies;
- d) drag or pull animals up on their head, ears, legs, or tail; and
- e) use herding tools, including electrical ones, or other tools with sharp ends.

**3.13** Pigs shall not be transported along with cattle in rail wagon. In case it is necessary to do so, cattle should be tied securely and, shall be separated from pigs by partition.

**3.14** If pigs are to be transported in extreme cold or hot climate, it is preferable to transport them in covered Lorries on road so that they may not die or exhaust or suffer from acute respiratory disease and journey under such adverse climate shall be minimized.

**3.15** Each consignment should bear a label showing the following particulars:

- a) Number and kind of the animals loaded;

- b) Name, address and telephone number, if any, of the consignor;
- c) Name, address and telephone number, if any, of the recipient;
- d) Quantity of feed provided;
- e) Instruction regarding feeding and watering;
- f) Time of the commencement of transport; and
- g) Expected duration of transport.

**3.16** In transport of pigs by rail or road, the animals shall not be fettered (shackled/restrained) unless there is a risk of their jumping out and their legs shall not be tied down.

#### 4 LOADING

**4.1** While loading, the extremes of temperatures shall be avoided.

**4.2** Suitable ramp shall be provided for loading and unloading the animals. The ramp should be at least 1.5 metre in width with raised sides at least 75 cm high. The floor of the ramp shall have cleats at intervals of about 15 cm, so that animals do not slip as they climb: or descend. The angle of the ramp with the floor shall not be more than 30°. The ramp shall be covered with straw to avoid slipping (see Fig.1). Van at any time of loading and unloading shall be kept clean to avoid slipping of pigs.

**4.3** In case of railway wagons when loading is done on the platform, the door of the wagon may be used as ramp. In such cases, bails or bags of hay, *Bhusa*, etc, may be placed on the either side of the dropped door to prevent the animals from getting their legs between the sides of the wagons and platform.

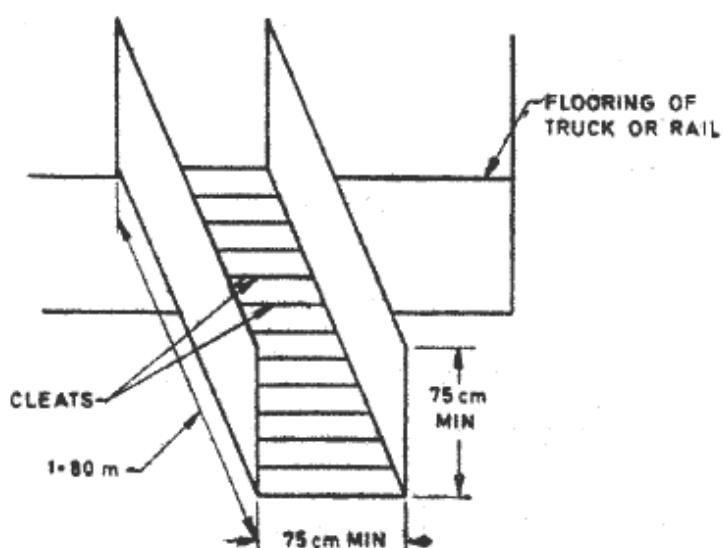


FIG. 1 A TYPICAL RAMP

## 5 SPACE REQUIREMENTS

**5.1** Overcrowding shall be avoided.

**5.2** In transport of pigs by rail no railway wagon shall accommodate more than the number of weaner, young and adult pigs as specified in the Table 1.

**5.3** Adequate ventilation shall be provided in every wagon and the upper door of one side of wagon shall

be kept open and properly fixed and the upper door of the wagon shall have wire gauge, closely welded mesh arrangements to prevent burning cinders from the engines entering the wagon and leading to fire breakout.

**5.4** In transport of pigs by road, no road vehicle shall accommodate more than the number of weaner, young and adult pigs as specified in the Table 2.

**Table 1 Maximum Number of Pigs in a Railway Wagon**

( *Clauses 3.5 and 5.2* )

Category of Animal	Broad Gauge	Metre Gauge			Narrow Gauge
		Wagon having Floor Area 63.5 Square Meter	Area of Wagon More than 21.1 Square Meters	Area of Wagon Less than 12.5 Square Meters	
Weaner	211	70	41	42	—
Young	151	50	29	30	—
Adult	104	34	20	21	—

**Table 2 Maximum Number of Pigs in Road Vehicle**

( *Clauses 3.5 and 5.4* )

Sl No.	Type of Animal	Maximum Number of Pigs Permitted for Road Vehicle			
		Vehicle having size 5.6 m × 2.35 m	Vehicle having size 5.1 m × 2.18 m	Vehicle having size 3.03 m × 2.18 m	Vehicle having size 2.9 m × 2.0 m
1.	Weaner	43	37	22	19
2.	Young	31	26	15	13
3.	Adult	21	18	10	9

**ANNEX A**

( *Clause 3.1* )

Proforma for Certificate of Fitness to Travel Pigs

(*Schedule K of Transport of Animals (Amendment) Rules, 2001*)

(This certificate should be completed and signed by a Veterinary doctor)

Date and time of examination .....

Species of animals.....

Number of animals.....

Sex.....

Age.....

I hereby certify that I have read Rules 86 to 95 in Chapter VII of the Transport of Animals Rules, 1978.

1. That, at the request of (consignor)..... I examined the above mentioned animals not more than 12 h before their departure.
2. That each appeared to be in a fit condition to travel by rail/road/sea and is not showing any signs of any infectious or contagious or parasitic disease(s) and that it has been vaccinated against any infectious or contagious diseases(s).
3. That the animals were adequately fed and watered for the purpose of the journey.
4. That the animals have been vaccinated.

(a) Type of vaccine(s):

(b) Date of vaccination:

Signed.....

Address.....

Qualifications.....

Date.....

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